



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

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AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Appropriating Funds to the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters for Costs Associated with Verification of Each Signature on the Fire and Facilities Sales Tax Initiative Petition (up to \$5,550)

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2005

PREPARED BY City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution appropriating funds up to \$5,550 to the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters for costs associated with verification of each signature on the Fire and Facilities Sales Tax Initiative petition.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On March 8, 2005, proponents of the Fire and Facilities Sales Tax initiative tiled their petition containing approximately 4,256 signatures. As the minimum number of signatures required is 10% of the voters of the city (2,706), the petition was officially accepted as filed and immediately submitted to the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters. Due to the fact that the prima facie count is very close to the minimum 15% of the voters of the city (4,058) to qualify for a special election, the Registrar will examine and verify each signature filed.

The preliminary estimate for the full signature verification is approximately \$5,375; therefore, it is requested that Council appropriate funds up to \$5,550 to cover this expense.

FISCAL IMPACT: This cost was not calculated into the 2004-05 budget; however, there are funds available in the Election Account – no contingencies necessary.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: \$5,550 – Election Account (100102-7323)


James R. Krueger, Finance Director


Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk

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Attachment

APPROVED: 
Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
APPROPRIATING FUNDS UP TO \$5,550 TO THE SAN
JOAQUIN COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS FOR
VERIFICATION OF SIGNATURES ON THE FIRE AND
FACILITIES SALES TAX INITIATIVE PETITION

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2005, proponents of the Fire and Facilities Sales Tax initiative filed their petition containing approximately 4,256 signatures: and

WHEREAS, as the minimum number of signatures required is 10% of the voters of the city (2,706), the petition was officially accepted as filed and immediately submitted to the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters; and

WHEREAS, due to the fact that the prima facie count (4,256) is very close to the minimum 15% of the voters of the city (4,058) to qualify for a special election, the Registrar will examine and verify each signature filed; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary estimate for the full signature verification is approximately \$5,375; therefore, staff requests that Council appropriate funds up to \$5,550 to cover this expense.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council that funds in the amount of \$5,550 are appropriated from the Election Account (100102-7323) to the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters for costs associated with verification of each signature on the Fire and Facilities Sales Tax Initiative petition.

Dated: March 16, 2005

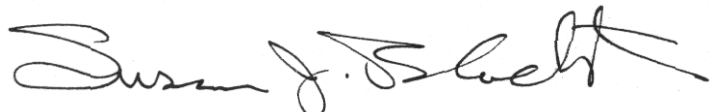
I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-51 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held March 16, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce, and
Mayor Beckman

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk